

This Week:

- **Smart State Partnership**
- **Broadband Policy Academy**
- **Sprint 3 Results**

Smart State Partnership

On Monday, an agreement between Illinois and Telangana, India was signed to partner on Smart State efforts. Our own DoIT Secretary Designate, Hardik Bhatt worked with DCEO to create this international alliance with Telangana to accelerate Illinois' efforts through collaboration. A video of the press conference can be found [here](#).

Broadband Policy Academy

Staff from DoIT, ISBE and the Governor's Office participated this week in a National Governors Association's Broadband and Digital Learning Policy Academy held in Denver. The event focused on improving broadband access for K-12 schools and the Illinois Team helped to build action plans for the next wave. More details can be found in the press release from ISBE found [here](#).



Sprint 3 Results for IT Transformation

Sprint 3 of the IT Transformation is wrapping up and many significant milestones were reached in this phase, including progress in the areas of Talent, Applications, Infrastructure and Service Excellence. As we look ahead to Sprint 4, which launches on November 1, the IT Transformation team will continue to refine plans based on data we have gathered, and focus on executing strategies designed in previous sprints. For more information about the progress, please visit the Transformation Wiki page found [here](#).

DoIT FYIs & Reminders

Office 365 is Coming!

Benefits include greater tools for mobility and collaboration, the newest version of the Microsoft Office suite and online versions of Office applications similar to what you experienced with OWA (Office Web Access). Testing is wrapping up and a rollout for DoIT users will begin soon.

As always, send questions to IT.Transformation@Illinois.gov